GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RAISING WOMEN OFFICERS FOR UN PEACEKEEPING ASSIGNMENTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to raise the number of women officers/battalion for the purpose of tackling natural calamity related aftermath and peacekeeping assignments with the UN;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the time by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) The United Nations has been encouraging increased participation of women in UN Peacekeeping, and Government of India has been making efforts to deploy more lady officers from the military and police in U.N. Peacekeeping assignments. There is, however, no proposal for raising a women`s battalion for the purpose of tackling natural calamity related aftermath and peacekeeping assignments with the UN.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.